

A Baby in a Basket

BASED ON EXODUS 1:1-2:10

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THE NEXT DAY, JOCHABED PREPARES A LITTLE BASKET.

KEEP WATCH, MIRIAM, I'M ALMOST FINISHED.

THEN, CAREFULLY AVOIDING THE EGYPTIAN SOLDIERS, SHE TAKES THE BASKET AND HER TINY SON TO THE RIVER.



HIS BASKET WILL FLOAT LIKE A LITTLE BOAT!

KEEP WATCH OVER HIM, MIRIAM. OH MY SON, IT TEARS MY HEART TO SEND YOU AWAY. MAY GOD WATCH OVER YOU AND PROTECT YOU.



MIRIAM HIDES IN THE BULRUSHES AND WATCHES ...

THE PRINCESS! WILL SHE SEE THE BABY'S BASKET?



LOOK- WHAT A STRANGE LITTLE BASKET! I WONDER WHAT'S INSIDE IT.



THE MAID BRINGS THE BASKET TO THE PRINCESS, WHO OPENS IT.

A HEBREW BABY! LISTEN TO HIM CRY! WE HAVE TO FIND SOMEONE TO FEED AND CARE FOR HIM.



JUST THEN, MIRIAM STEPS OUT OF THE BUSHES.

SHALL I FIND A HEBREW NURSE FOR THE BABY?

YES. BRING ONE TO ME AS SOON AS YOU CAN.



MOTHER! COME RIGHT AWAY. THE PRINCESS HAS FOUND OUR BABY—AND SHE WANTS A HEBREW NURSE TO TAKE CARE OF HIM.

GOD HAS ANSWERED MY PRAYER, MIRIAM. MY SON WILL BE SAFE WITH THE PRINCESS.



AT THE RIVER'S EDGE...

TAKE THIS BABY AND CARE FOR HIM. IF ANYONE QUESTIONS YOU, SEND WORD TO ME AT ONCE. I'M NAMING HIM MOSES, BECAUSE I PULLED HIM OUT OF THE WATER.

From Prince to Exile

BASED ON EXODUS 2; ACTS 7:22-29

SO THE HEBREW BABY IS HOME—BUT NOW UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE KING'S DAUGHTER. THAT NIGHT, AMRAM AND JOCHEBED GATHER MOSES WITH HIS SISTER, MIRIAM, AND BROTHER, AARON. THEY KNEEL AND PRAY.



O GOD, WE THANK YOU FOR SAVING OUR LITTLE SON. HELP US TO TRAIN HIM TO SERVE YOU.

YOUNG MOSES LIVES IN HIS HOME UNTIL HE IS ABOUT FOUR YEARS OLD. THEN HIS MOTHER TAKES HIM TO THE PALACE TO LIVE WITH THE PRINCESS, WHO ADOPTS HIM.

YEARS PASS, AND THE BOY MOSES LIVES THE LIFE OF A YOUNG PRINCE IN PHARAOH'S PALACE. ONE DAY HE DRIVES THROUGH THE CITY ...



... TO A PLACE WHERE HEBREW SLAVES ARE WORKING. AS HE WATCHES THE SLAVES TOIL, HE IS STARTLED BY A MAN'S SCREAM ...

MOSES JUMPS FROM HIS CHARIOT TO INVESTIGATE—AND FINDS AN EGYPTIAN GUARD BEATING A HEBREW SLAVE.



IN SUDDEN ANGER, MOSES STRIKES OUT HARD ...



LOOK! HE KILLED THE GUARD!



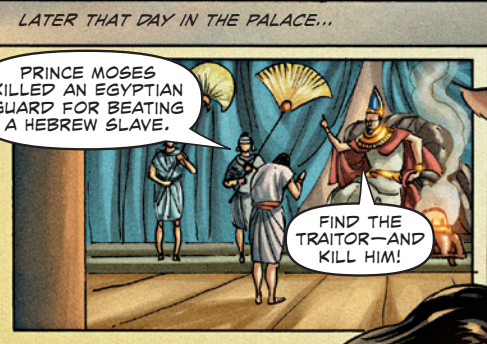
THE NEXT DAY MOSES RETURNS. WHEN HE SEES TWO HEBREWS FIGHTING, HE TRIES TO STOP THEM.

DON'T FIGHT EACH OTHER!

WHO MADE YOU A JUDGE OVER US? ARE YOU GOING TO KILL ME THE WAY YOU KILLED THAT EGYPTIAN?



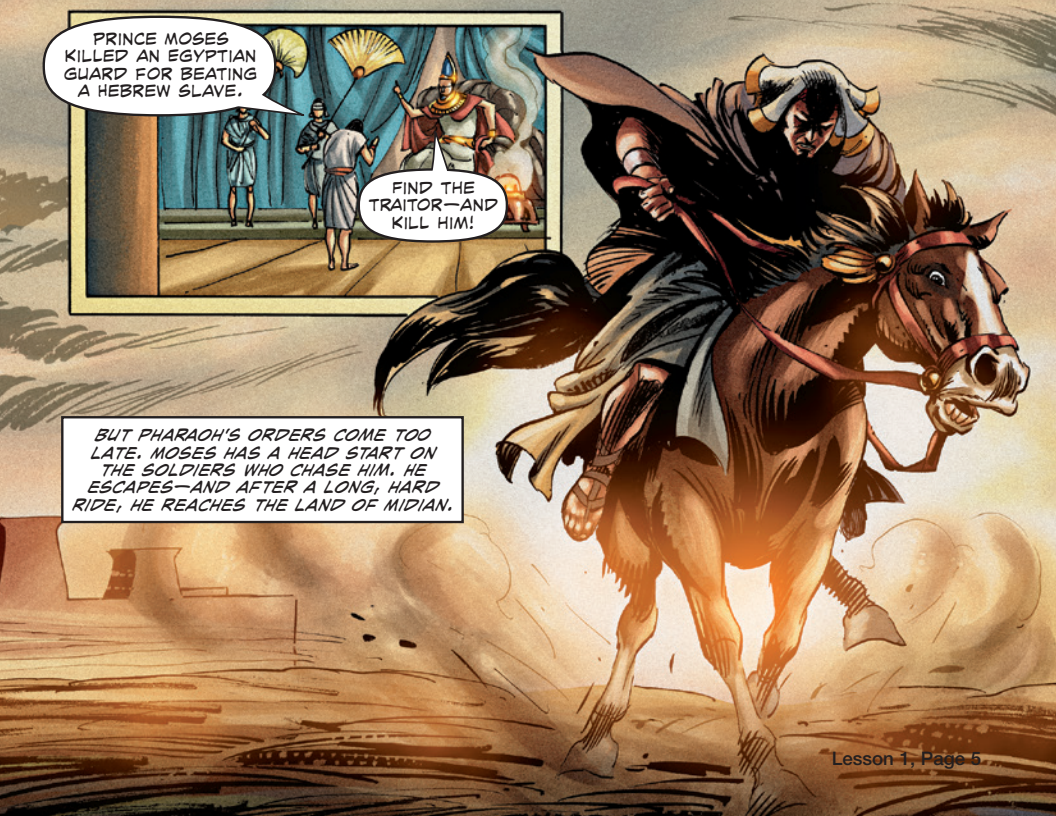
PEOPLE KNOW I HAVE KILLED A MAN. THERE'S ONLY ONE THING I CAN DO, AND I HAVE TO DO IT NOW!



PRINCE MOSES KILLED AN EGYPTIAN GUARD FOR BEATING A HEBREW SLAVE.

FIND THE TRAITOR—AND KILL HIM!

BUT PHARAOH'S ORDERS COME TOO LATE. MOSES HAS A HEAD START ON THE SOLDIERS WHO CHASE HIM. HE ESCAPES—AND AFTER A LONG, HARD RIDE, HE REACHES THE LAND OF MIDIAN.





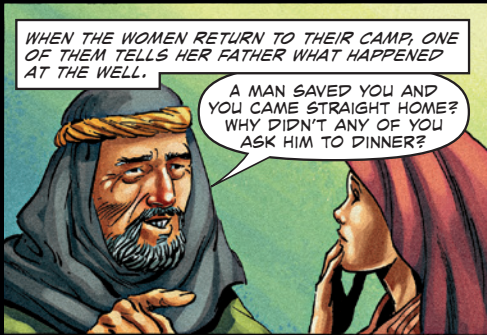
TIRED AFTER HIS FLIGHT FROM PHARAOH, MOSES RESTS BY A WELL.

GET AWAY FROM HERE UNTIL WE WATER OUR SHEEP!

NO! WE WERE HERE FIRST. YOU LEAVE US ALONE!



I THINK YOU SHOULD LET THE WOMEN GO FIRST. AFTER ALL, THAT'S THE CIVILIZED THING TO DO.



WHEN THE WOMEN RETURN TO THEIR CAMP, ONE OF THEM TELLS HER FATHER WHAT HAPPENED AT THE WELL.

A MAN SAVED YOU AND YOU CAME STRAIGHT HOME? WHY DIDN'T ANY OF YOU ASK HIM TO DINNER?



I AM ZIPPORAH. MY FATHER, JETHRO, INVITES YOU TO EAT WITH US.



MOSES ACCEPTS THE INVITATION, AND THAT NIGHT AFTER SUPPER...

I NEED A SHEPHERD—A GOOD MAN I CAN TRUST. WHY DON'T YOU STAY WITH US?

THANK YOU, I WILL.

THIS WILL BE A GOOD PLACE TO HIDE FROM PHARAOH.

THE COWARDLY SHEPHERDS RETREAT—AND MOSES HELPS THE WOMEN WATER THEIR FLOCKS.

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GREAT-ESCAPE #1



AND SO, REMEMBER, KIDS, NO MATTER HOW STRANGE SOMEONE MAY LOOK, GOD LOVES HIM, AND YOU SHOULD, TOO.



PLEASE, LORD, HELP ME GET OVER MY HABIT OF MOCKING PEOPLE...



HEY! DID YOU SEE THAT WEIRDO?!

~MMMMFFT!~



RING!

FIRE DRILL!



SCHOOL!

SAVED BY THE BELL!

Rally everyone in your family to read this lesson together.



Pause a minute

1. You all planned to sleep in Saturday and enjoy a leisurely breakfast together. Finally, no morning commitments. But at 7:15 the doorbell rings and rings. Your older neighbor's dog is loose and the man can't run after him. He's begging for help. So much for being in control of your weekend. **Read about being in control in Isaiah 55:8.**



Take a look back

3. Why is it tempting to do things you want more than what you know is best? What happens when you let go of your wants and help others? How can your thoughts better line up with God's?

key verse

"My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. Isaiah 55:8



Record your thoughts

4. Put the main TV remote control on the family room floor. Count to three and all grab for it (without hurting someone). What mayhem! Grasping for control isn't pretty. Pray together to follow God's ways during the week.

Read more this week about Moses trying to do right in his own way:

Exodus 1:7-22 Exodus 2:1-10 Exodus 2:11-15

faith
forward
in touch with God



Play it out

2. Moses took being in control to an extreme in doing things his way. He killed a mean Egyptian. Moses then tried to bury his mistake. Moses' acting on impulse cost a life and he lost his homeland. On strips of paper, each of you write down a couple mistakes you've made in going your own way. Bury the strips in your garden or in a pot of soil. Talk about what Isaiah 55:8 says and how you can encourage each other to live life God's way. Throw away the strips of paper with the mistakes written on them.

